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In re Application of :
Woltman et al. :
Application No. 10/727,892 : DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Filed: December 4, 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. KCX-703(19021) :

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed September 22, 2004.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the statement of facts of Steven R. LeBlanc states that Kimberly-Clark personnel have had several unsuccessful conversations with the nonsigning inventor, Barbara O. Sauer, in an attempt to obtain her signature on the declaration and assignment. Furthermore, Mr. LeBlanc states that Ms. Sauer was mailed a copy of the application and corresponding papers to her present address; however, she refused delivery of the package. Accordingly, Mr. LeBlanc established that the inventor was mailed the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but failed to respond to the request that she sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the present petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3761 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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